

Dickinson House
Oakland Station
Alloways Township, Salem County, New Jersey

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Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wagner

Date of Erection: 1754

Architect:

Builder: John and Mary Dickinson

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - brick

Exterior walls - red
brick with blue glazed
brick for the design

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

The house was originally built, as the south gable which has the marking "I. M. D. 1754" indicates, by Jonathan and Mary Dickinson in 1754. Besides the builder and the date there is a design in blue glazed bricks which covers practically the whole south elevation.

Tradition claims that holes were pierced in the old doors of the house in case of an attack by Indians.

The title of the house has changed many times. It remained in the possession of the Dickinson family until 1780 when Rachel R. Fisher became the owner. Eighty years later Charles Stokes held the title. He sold it to George Watson. The Watsons remained until 1915; between that time and its purchase in 1933 by the present owners it had four other owners.

The wide plank floor boards of the old days are still in use; there are four huge open fireplaces, one in each of the rooms. The joists and rafters are oak and the interior trim is white pine.

The house was built not far from the Wistarburg Glass Works which at the time of building was at the height of its Colonial glory.

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